

What is claimed is:

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1. A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall; X

a lid movably attached to said body portion; X

a panel formed in said at least one wall of said body portion; X

wherein (said ³⁵⁴panel) is attached to said lid;

moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes said panel to separate from said at least one wall, thereby forming a hole in said at least one wall;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;

releasably retaining said lid in said closed position by engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said container further comprises (a sheet of material ¹⁴⁰) covering said hole.

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4. The method of claim 3 wherein said sheet of material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein: (said ³⁵⁴panel) includes a (stationary ²⁵⁴portion) and a (hinge ³⁵²portion) separated from said (stationary portion) by a score line;

said (stationary portion) is attached to said lid; and said engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said hinge portion with said at least a portion of said wall.

wherein said engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said at least a portion of said panel with said hinge portion.

~~7.~~ The method of claim 1 wherein said engaging at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall comprises engaging said at least a portion of said panel with at least a portion of said wall within said opening.

8. A container comprising:
a body portion having at least one wall;
a lid movably attached to said body portion;
wherein said container includes a first condition
before said container has initially been opened, a second
open condition and a third re-closed condition;
wherein, in said first condition, a panel is
attached to both said at least one wall of said body
portion and said lid;

wherein in said second condition, said panel remains attached to said lid but has been removed from said at least one wall member, thus leaving a hole in said at least one wall;

wherein, in said third condition, at least a portion of said panel is releasably engaged with at least a portion of said wall.

9. The container of claim 8 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

10. The container of claim 8 and further comprising a sheet of material covering said hole.

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11. The container of claim 10 wherein said sheet of material is a sheet of fluid impervious material.

12. The container of claim 8 wherein:
said panel includes a stationary portion and a hinge portion separated from said stationary portion by a score line;

5 said stationary portion is attached to said lid; and
said at least a portion of said panel comprises said hinge portion.

13. The container of claim 8 wherein:
said at least one wall of said body portion includes a hinge portion; and
said at least a portion of said wall comprises said hinge portion.

14. A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:
providing said container comprising:
a body portion having at least one wall;
a lid movably attached to said body portion;
a hinge movably attached to said lid;
moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto;
moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;
releasably retaining said lid in said closed position by engaging at least a portion of said hinge with at least a portion of said wall.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

16. The method of claim 14 wherein said hinge is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line

and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

17. A container capable of moving between an open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

- a body portion having at least one wall;
- a lid movably attached to said body portion;
- a hinge movably attached to said lid;

wherein, in said closed condition, at least a portion of said hinge is engaged with at least a portion of said wall.

18. The container of claim 17 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

19. The container of claim 17 wherein said hinge is movably attached to a stationary portion via a score line and wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

20. A method of opening and closing a container, said method comprising:

providing said container comprising:

- a body portion having at least one wall;
- a lid movably attached to said body portion;
- a hinge portion;

a stationary portion;

wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to said stationary portion via a score line; and wherein said hinge portion is aligned with said stationary portion;

moving said lid to an open position by applying an opening force thereto, wherein said opening force causes said hinge portion to misalign with said stationary portion;

moving said lid to a closed position by applying a closing force thereto;
using said hinge portion to releasably retain said lid in said closed position.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

103 23. The method of claim 20 wherein said stationary portion is a part of said lid at least one wall of said body portion.

24. A container capable of moving between an open condition and a closed condition, said container comprising:

a body portion having at least one wall;
a lid movably attached to said body portion;
a hinge portion;
a stationary portion;

wherein said hinge portion is movably attached to said stationary portion via a score line; and
wherein said container includes a first condition before said container has initially been opened, a second open condition and a third re-closed condition;

wherein, in said first condition, said hinge portion is aligned with said stationary portion;

wherein in said second condition, said hinge portion is misaligned with said stationary portion;

wherein, in said third condition, said hinge portion releasably retains said lid in said re-closed condition.

25. The container of claim 24 wherein said lid is a flip top lid.

26. The container of claim 24 wherein said stationary portion is attached to said lid.

~~27. The container of claim 24 wherein said stationary portion is a part of said at least one wall of said body portion.~~

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